

## PROTECTING THE U.S. FROM DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to protect the United States from the rising threat of drug-resistant tuberculosis, focusing on reinvesting in control and new tools research, after receiving testimony from Kenneth G. Castro, Assistant Surgeon General, and Director, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas R. Frieden, New York City Department of

Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, New York; Jerald C. Sadoff, Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation, Rockville, Maryland; and Randall Reves, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center Department of Preventative Medicine and Biometrics, Denver, on behalf of the National Tuberculosis Controller's Association (NTCA), and sundry organizations.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 3992–4012; 1 private bill, H.R. 4013; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 777–779, 782–785, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2787, to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–415);

H.R. 2830, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–338, Pt. 3);

H. Res. 780, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2262) to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims (H. Rept. 110–416); and

H. Res. 781, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3920) to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance and to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers and firms (H. Rept. 110–417).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of South Carolina students Justin Anderson, Travis Cale, Lauren Mahon, Cassidy

Pendley, William Rhea, Allison Walden, and Emily Yelton who lost their lives in a house fire on Sunday, October 28, 2007.

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**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Internet Tax Freedom Act Amendments Act of 2007:* Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 3678, amended, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1014—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, October 29th:

*Expressing support for designation of the month of October 2007 as “Country Music Month” and to honor country music for its long history of supporting America’s armed forces and its tremendous impact on national patriotism:* H.J. Res. 58, to express support for designation of the month of October 2007 as “Country Music Month” and to honor country music for its long history of supporting America’s armed forces and its tremendous impact on national patriotism, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 398 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1015.

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**Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act:** The House passed H.R. 3867, to update and expand the procurement programs of the Small Business Administration, by a recorded vote of 334 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 1017.

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Rejected the Chabot motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 1016. **Pages H12186–88**

Accepted:

Velázquez amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that establishes that those veterans who are severely disabled shall be given special consideration as agencies implement contracting regulations; sets forth certain standards for business integrity that are required for participation in federal contracting programs; and clarifies the implementation of the women's procurement program; **Pages H12178–79**

Akin amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that requires that the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) conduct a study to determine what changes would be required to provide greater Federal contracting assistance to participants in the program created by section 8(a) of the Small Business Act that have less equity in their business concerns than other participants in the program. The study would be reported no later than six months after the date of enactment of this Act and the Administrator would report the details of the study to the Senate Small Business Committee and the House Small Business Committee; **Pages H12179–80**

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that requires the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to carry out a study on the effectiveness of the HUBZone program in reaching rural areas; **Pages H12180–81**

Mica amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that states that it is the sense of the House that small business set-asides should not be excluded from any acquisitions under the GSA's Federal Supply Schedule; **Pages H12181–82**

Moran (VA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that requires the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to conduct a study to determine, with respect to small business contracts, whether incumbent Federal contractors are submitting frivolous protests to extend the length of current contracts before protest decisions are resolved. The Administrator also would develop recommendations to discourage frivolous protests; **Pages H12182–83**

Baird amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that directs the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to examine the lists of groups the members of which are presumed to be socially disadvantaged under the Small Disadvantaged Business program under section 8(a) of the

Small Business Act and to consider whether the list should be updated to include additional groups; **Pages H12183–84**

Brown-Waite (FL) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that creates a liaison within the Small Business Administration whose duty, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, is to ensure that section 2(i) of the Small Business Act, regarding assistance to individuals not lawfully within the United States, is carried out; **Page H12184**

Gillibrand amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that provides that any employer found, based on a determination by the Department of Homeland Security or the Attorney General, to have engaged in a pattern or practice of hiring, recruiting or referring for a fee, for employment in the United States, an alien knowing the person is an unauthorized alien shall be subject to debarment from the receipt of future Federal contracts; and **Pages H12184–85**

Lampson amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that prohibits the use of any funds for first-class or business-class airline travel by agency employees when carrying out the provisions of H.R. 3867 and includes exceptions provided by the Code of Federal Regulations 301–10.122 to 10.124, as applicable to federal agency employees. **Pages H12185–86**

Withdrawn:

Mica amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–407) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have clarified that the small business set-aside provisions of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644) should apply to federal contracts not excluding Federal Supply Schedule and Multiple Award Schedule holders. **Page H12181**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H12189**

H. Res. 773, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 1013. **Pages H12164–68**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*CJ's Home Protection Act of 2007:* H.R. 2787, amended, to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States; **Pages H12189–91**

**Procedural Fairness for September 11 Victims Act of 2007:** S. 2106, to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and amending the definition of eligible not-for-profit holder:** S. 2258, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and to amend the definition of eligible not-for-profit holder—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Making permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research:** H.R. 1236, amended, to make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.”.

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**Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3307, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 570 Broadway in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the “Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1018;

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**Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3446, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Michigan Avenue in Marshall, Michigan, as the “Michael W. Schragg Post Office Building”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1019;

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**Honoring the first responders and supporting the victims of the Southern California wildfires:** H. Res. 778, to honor the first responders and support the victims of the Southern California wildfires, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1020; and

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**Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Mass Movement for Soviet Jewish Freedom and the 20th Anniversary of the Freedom Sunday Rally for Soviet Jewry on the Mall in Washington, D.C.:** H. Res. 759, to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Mass Movement for Soviet Jewish Freedom and the 20th Anniversary of the Freedom Sunday Rally for Soviet Jewry on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H12168.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2258 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12167–68, H12168–69, H12169, H12187–88, H12188, H12206, H12206–07 and H12207–08. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MEAT INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY

**Committee on Agriculture:** Held a hearing to review technologies in the meat industry. Testimony was heard from Alfred V. Almanza, Administrator, Food Safety Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### IRAQ EXAMINATION OF DIPLOMATIC SURGE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Assessing an Effective Diplomatic and Development Program in Iraq: An Examination of the Diplomatic Surge. Testimony was heard from Stuart Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

### STABILIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Stabilization and Reconstruction Operations: Learning from Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Experience. Testimony was heard from Celeste Ward, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Stability Operations Capabilities, Department of Defense; Ambassador John E. Herbst, Coordinator, Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization, Department of State; and the following officials of the GAO: Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team; and Janet S. Laurent, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Ordered reported as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1534, Mercury Export Ban Act of 2007; H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act of 2007; H.R. 2601, To extending the authority of the Federal